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## ABSTRACT

Each fastener ~~comprises~~ includes a shank pointed at one end and bearing a head at the other end. ~~The~~ the fasteners are engaged respectively via their shanks in guide pegs ~~(1-1)~~ (11) joined together into a string (20). At least one of the guide pegs at the end of the string (11', 11'') ~~comprises~~ has a support means member (14) designed configured to prevent it from tilting as it is transferred from the loading device into the apparatus.

~~Figure 2~~